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Councilwoman Rose Herrera Calls on City Council to Approve Ballfields Project

SAN JOSE, CA – On February 4th, the San José City Council will re-consider approval of the Ballfields project in the Arcadia area adjacent to Quimby Road near Eastridge Mall.

“The council delayed approval of the Arcadia site to study moving the project to the County Fair Grounds. The County made it clear they were not prepared to make a decision on ballfields, and might not be ready to even consider projects for three to five years,” Herrera said.

“The City has studied the project - virtually everyone agrees the Arcadia site is best and the only location ready to move forward. Further delays serves no purpose, and only put the project funds at risk - then the public could end up with nothing,” said Herrera.

The project will be built using existing funds from Measure P, approved by voters in 2000 to pay for parks and recreation facilities. Since the passage of Measure P, the City has completed 93 of the 95 projects funded under this bond measure. The ballfields project is the last one to be implemented. State law limits the time bond funds can be held.

“We’ve delayed and delayed - it’s time to put shovels in the ground and get the ballfields built,” said Herrera. “Measure P funds were set aside to pay for this long ago - no new taxes are needed. Our own city staff recommended the Arcadia site. Our children and families deserve the chance to enjoy quality recreation right here in San José. Let’s get it done.”

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of

the Mayor's Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. For more information go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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